

ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION

DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL AVIATION

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Notice Inviting Expression of Interest

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श्री विजय पुरम, दिनांक 4 अगस्त, 2025

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Expression of Interest

For

Commercial helicopter services to tourist destinations
in Andaman & Nicobar Islands



Expression of Interest for Commercial Helicopter services from Sri Vijaya Puram to Tourists Destinations in Andaman & Nicobar Islands on No-Cost-No-Commitment (NCNC) Basis.

Introduction:

The Andaman & Nicobar Islands have rapidly emerged as one of the most preferred destination for both domestic and international tourists. This growth is attributed to the Islands' abundant natural attractions and the efforts made by the UT Administration and private sector in marketing these attractions and creating the necessary supporting infrastructure.

In the year 2024, the Islands witnessed a footfall of approximately 7.22 lakh tourists, reflecting a steady upward trend in visitor inflow. To cater to the increasing passenger traffic, a New Integrated Terminal Building (NITB) with a capacity to handle 1200 passengers per hour and approximately 5 million (Domestic + International) passengers annually was commissioned in 2023 at the Veer Savarkar International Airport, Sri Vijaya Puram (formerly Port Blair). The UT Administration has also prioritized inter-island air connectivity by developing 19 helipads, of which 12 are located at key tourist destination in South Andaman and North & Middle Andaman District, offering significant potential for helicopter-based connectivity.

The Islands are currently home to around 600 hospitality establishments, including Hotels, Luxury beach Resorts and BnB's. Notably, a Luxury beach Resort by the Taj Group is operational, and several more high-end resorts and villas are in the pipeline. A wide array of tourism infrastructure is being developed or expanded, including Eco-Tourism Projects, Island resorts, Light & Sound shows, Heritage trails, Game Fishing, Scuba Diving & adventure water sports, Para Sailing, Bird Watching, and Stargazing. These diversified offerings are expected to elevate the islands into a world class sustainable tourism destination.

At present, ferry services remain the primary mode of inter-island transportation for tourists. Alongside Government operated vessels, there are seven privately owned cruise boats, each with a seating capacity of approximately 300 passengers, operating daily services to Swaraj Dweep and Shaheed Dweep. However, access to other island destinations continues to rely solely on Government ferry services.

With a view to providing seamless air-connectivity for domestic and international tourists visiting the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, the UT Administration proposes to introduce commercial helicopter services at key tourist destinations across the Islands, purely on a No-Cost-No-Commitment (NCNC) basis.

1. Overview:

- a. The Directorate of Civil Aviation, A & N Administration invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from the registered Aviation Companies/ Operators for introducing commercial helicopter

services to tourist destinations in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, purely on No-Cost-No-Commitment (NCNC) basis.

- b. The purpose of this invitation is to obtain response from interested operators for making this initiative a success and to obtain feedback on any other concerns/issues, if any, anticipated.
 - c. This Expression of interest (EOI) is not a pre-qualification/ short listing process.
 - d. This EOI shall not entail/ allow any lien or right or claim, as the process of EOI is limited to seeking interest, information, inputs, viability factors, area of investor's interest, etc that can form part of RFP to be invited subsequent to this EOI process. RFP for this viable areas/ projects will be invited with the approval of the Competent Authority / Govt. of India.
 - e. Expresser of interest can visit the sites for having a hands-on perspective.
 - f. The successful operator will have the freedom to fix the fare.
 - g. While expressing interest, the operator may submit complete details of their company, including experience, net worth, incorporation of company, if any etc and details / specifications of helicopters proposed to be operationalized and routes.
2. **Major Tourist destinations equipped with helipad facility.**

| S. No | Place | Distance from Sri Vijaya Puram |
|-------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. | Swaraj Dweep (erstwhile Havelock) | 28 NM |
| 2. | Shaheed Dweep (erstwhile Neil Island) | 25 NM |
| 3. | Baratang | 30 NM |
| 4. | Long Island | 40 NM |
| 5. | Rangat | 55 NM |
| 6. | Mayabunder | 78 NM |
| 7. | Diglipur | 100 NM |
| 8. | Chidyatapu | 2 NM |
| 9. | Wandoor | 2 NM |
| 10. | Smith Island | 100 NM |
| 11. | Hut Bay | 68 NM |
| 12. | Barren Island (No helipad available) | 76 NM |

3. **Eligibility and Qualification of Bidder**

- a. The Expresser of Interest should be a Registered Scheduled Operator's Permit (SOP) or a Scheduled Commuter Operator (SCO) Permit or Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit (NSOP) for Non-Scheduled Air Transport Service (passenger) or a Scheduled Regional Air Operator's Permit (passenger) holder issued by DGCA.
- b. Applicants can be an individual, consortium, joint venture firm, private or public limited companies, partnership firms etc. having a registered office in India.

3. Expression of Interest (EOI):

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- d. The Directorate of Civil Aviation, A & N Administration would subsequent to this EOI, based on the responses would float a transparent and competitive RFP on NCNC basis for selection of the operator for operationalization of commercial helicopter services at Tourist Destination in A & N Islands.
- e. Participants of interest may like to visit the sites.

4. Routes proposed for operationalization:

| S.No. | Route |
|-------|---|
| 1 | Sri Vijaya Puram - Swaraj Dweep – Sri Vijaya Puram |
| 2 | Sri Vijaya Puram - Shaheed Dweep - Sri Vijaya Puram |
| 3 | Sri Vijaya Puram - Baratang – Swaraj Dweep- Baratang-Sri Vijaya Puram |
| 4 | Sri Vijaya Puram - Baratang – Shaheed Dweep- Baratang-Sri Vijaya Puram |
| 5 | Sri Vijaya Puram –Long Island- Rangat- Sri Vijaya Puram |
| 6 | Sri Vijaya Puram – Rangat- Long Island – Sri Vijaya Puram |
| 7 | Sri Vijaya Puram – Mayabunder- Sri Vijaya Puram |
| 8. | Sri Vijaya Puram - Diglipur – Smith Island – Diglipur – Sri Vijaya Puram |
| 9. | Sri Vijaya Puram - Hut Bay- Sri Vijaya Puram |
| 10. | Sri Vijaya Puram – Swaraj Dweep – Barren Island (Aerial view) – Sri Vijaya Puram. |
| 11. | Sri Vijaya Puram – Shaheed Dweep-Barren Island (Aerial view) - Sri Vijaya Puram |

Note: Expresser of interest/ Operators are free to operate in any of the above routes they are interested and are required to indicate the helicopter they intend to operate and the routes they intend to operate and submit a schedule, clearly in the response application, **Annexure-I**.

5. Infrastructure availability at both ends of the route (Origin and Destination) :

- a. Origin Airport: Sri Vijaya Puram: The Veer Savarkar International (VSI) Airport is located at Sri Vijaya Puram (formerly Port Blair), the capital of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The airport with a runway dimension of 3277 m x 45 m. belongs to Indian Navy (INS Utkrosh) and a Civil Enclave covering an area of 71.11 acres is maintained by the Airports Authority of India. The Civil Enclave has a newly built, State-of-the Art, New Integrated Terminal Building (NITB) to serve 1200 passengers during peak hour with annual serving capacity of 4.0 million passengers. The Apron has capacity to facilitate parking of 10 aircrafts that includes Airbus -320, Airbus-321, and Boeing 737, type of aircrafts at a time.

Besides, the A & N Administration also has its own Inter Island helicopter terminal complex, located at the North West side of runway. The Helicopter Terminal complex has a passenger terminal building meant for Inter-Island air-travelers. The complex has Apron of size 65 m x 61 m., which can accommodate parking of approximately 06 helicopters and a Hangar Building of dimension 32 m x 29 m.

b. Air Traffic Control (ATC) services: ATC service is being provided by Indian Navy (INS Utkrosh) at Sri Vijaya Puram airport. The helicopter operations from Sri Vijaya Puram to all the proposed routes indicated at S. No. 4 above can be under taken by filing flight plan with ATC, Sri Vijaya Puram.

Besides, Shibpur RCS-airport (INS Kohasha), in North Andaman District is located very close to Diglipur and Smith Island helipads. ATC facility is available at Shibpur airport.

c. Refuelling facility: Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) provides refuelling services for the civilian/defence aircrafts and helicopters at Sri Vijaya Puram Airport.

B. Destination helipads:

The infrastructure available at the destination helipads are tabulated below:

| S. No. | Helipad | Co-ordinates | Helipad size (LxB) | Surface | 'H' marking | Facility available |
|--------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|-------------|--|
| 1. | Swaraj Dweep | 120215N 925859E | 95 x 60 m | Tarmac | Available | Fire safety Windssocks Pax terminal |
| 2. | Shaheed Dweep | 115051N 930110E | 75 x 35 m. | Concrete | Available | Fire safety Windssocks Pax terminal |
| 3. | Baratang | 120810E 924726E | 75 x 35 m. | Tarmac | Available | Fire safety Windssocks Pax terminal |
| 4. | Long Island | 122236N 925544E | 35 x 35 m. | Tarmac | Available | Fire safety Windssocks Pax terminal |
| 5. | Rangat | 123028E 925739E | 95 x 60 m. | Tarmac | Available | Fire safety Windssocks Pax terminal |
| 6. | Mayabunder | 125449N 925352E | 95 x 60 m. | Tarmac | Available | Fire safety Windssocks Pax terminal |
| 7. | Diglipur | 131519N 930005E | 95 x 60 m. | Tarmac | Available | Fire safety Windssocks Pax terminal |
| 8. | Chidyatapu | 113031N 924211E | 75 x 35 m. | Tarmac | Available | Fire safety Windssocks |
| 9. | Wandoor | 113535N 923639E | 95 x 60 m. | Tarmac | Available | Fire safety Windssocks Pax terminal |
| 10. | Smith Island | 133533N 930551E | 35 x 35 m. | Concrete | Available | Fire safety Windssocks |
| 11. | Hut Bay | 103611N 923203E | 75 x 35 m. | Tarmac | Available | Fire safety Windssocks Pax terminal |

6. Role of A&N Administration:

The A & N Administration shall be the facilitator for this operation and provide following support to the operators.

- a. Helipads and other allied infrastructure such as Passenger waiting room, security, X-Ray scanning machines etc. for usage by the operator as per availability at locations at a reasonable cost.
- b. Aircraft parking area at the Administration's Hangar Complex at Port Blair for parking and carrying out maintenance of Helicopter at a reasonable cost.
- c. Refuelling facility is available only at Sri Vijaya Puram. The VAT on ATF is 1 % in A & N Islands.
- d. No subsidy or Viability Gap Funding (VGF) will be provided.

7. SAFETY ASPECTS:

Safety aspects shall be the responsibility of the operator as per the laid down aviation standards. Operator shall be solely responsible for the safety of the aircraft, crew and passengers, and/ or any other person or property associated, including their compensation for liabilities and insurance arising out of any eventuality due to helicopter operations whatsoever.

8. OPERATIONAL ASPECTS:

The operations shall be purely on No Cost No Commitment basis. The operation of helicopter is to be carried out as per the laid down rules of DGCA.

9. AREA OF OPERATION:

The helicopter shall fly between destinations in approved routes only, which shall be subject to review and alteration as advised by DGCA, AAI, A & N Command & UT Administration from time to time.

10. PRE-APPLICATION MEETING

A pre-application meeting will be organized on 20/8/2025, at 1600 Hrs. in the conference hall of Secretariat, Sri Vijaya Puram. Interested operators can also join the pre-application conference virtually (Video Conferencing). The operators can obtain the link to join VC by sending email to civilaviation.and@nic.in and civilaviationand@gmail.com.

11. SUBMISSION OF EOI:

The Expression of Interest with all necessary documents along with the covering letter duly signed by an authorized signatory in the Response format given at **Annexure-1** to be submitted by email to: civilaviation.and@nic.in and civilaviationand@gmail.com latest by 19/9/2025 at 15:00hrs.

12. Contact person for further clarification:

Dr. Jatinder Sohal. Director of Civil Aviation,
Inter-Island Helicopter Terminal, VIP Road, SV Puram
Tel: 03192-233601/ 03192-230225, Email: civilaviation.and@nic.in and
civilaviationand@gmail.com

Annexure-1

RESPONSE FORMAT

Covering Letter on Letter head of the Bidder with correspondence details

To,

Director, Civil Aviation,
A & N Administration,
Inter-Island Helicopter Terminal, VIP, Road,
Sri Vijaya Puram – 744103.

Subject: Expression of Interest for Commercial Helicopter services from Sri Vijaya Puram to
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Madam/ Sir,

This is with reference to your advertisement inviting EOI for commercial helicopter services to tourist's destinations in Andaman & Nicobar Islands on No-Cost-No-Commitment (NCNC) basis. We, the undersigned, offer to provide the services for the same, please find below the required details for your consideration

| S.No. | Particulars of information | To be filled by the Operator |
|-------|--|------------------------------|
| 1. | Name of the owner of Helicopter: If not registered in operator's name, then what is the legal nature of arrangement with the Owner? (Proof of possession i.e. Registration Certificate / Lease Agreement to be provided) | |
| 2. | a. Please indicate clearly, whether the applicant is an individual, consortium, joint venture firm, private or public limited companies, partnership firms. | |
| | b. Please indicate the registered office address in India along with proof. | |
| 3. | Operator's Approval from the Regulatory Authority (please attach copy of the same) | |

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|----|---|--|
| 4. | Type of helicopters proposed to be operated: a. Call Sign / Registration Number of the helicopter: b. Year of Manufacture: | |
| 5. | Seat capacity of helicopter: | |
| 6. | Operator's total fleet of helicopters : (with Type and Call Sign): | |
| 7. | Operator's choice of Routes to be operationalized in A & N Islands (Please indicate the routes and schedule) | |
| 8. | Details of individual(s) who will serve as the point of contact | a. Name : b. Designation : c. Company : d. Address : e. Telephone Number : f. Fax Number : g. E-Mail Address : |
| 9. | Details of experience in helicopter operation (if any), net worth, certificate of incorporation of company along with supporting documents. | |

We hereby declare that our proposal submitted in response to this EOI is made in good faith and the information contained is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Signature _____
Name _____
Designation _____
Date _____

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